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TAGS: ETRD, BR, CH
SUBJ: BRAZIL-PRC SIGN TRADE AGREEMENT

REF: 77 BRASILIA 8800

1. BRAZILIAN PRESS ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY 7 THE SIGNING THAT SAME DAY IN PEKING BY BRAZILIAN AMB. ALUSIO NAPOLIAO AND PRC MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE OF A THREE-YEAR BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT.

2. FONMIN RELEASED TEXT OF AGREEMENT ON JAN. 9 MAIN PROVISIONS ARE: RECIPROCAL GRANTING OF MFN STATUS; ESTABLISHMENT OF CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY AS BASIS OF PAYMENTS; COMMITMENT BY BOTH PARTIES TO GRADUALLY INCREASE EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURED AND SEMI-MANUFACTURED GOODS; AND CREATION OF A MIXED COMMERCIAL COMMISSION TO MEET EVERY TWO YEARS. AGREEMENT DOES NOT ESTABLISH LEVELS OF TRADE NOR SPECIFY PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF INTEREST.

3. COMMENT: THE AGREEMENT IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO SIMILAR ACCORDS
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WHICH THE GOB HAS SIGNED WITH OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. THE LOW KEY PUBLICITY SURROUNDING ITS SIGNING CONTRASTS TO EARLIER OPTIMISTIC GOB PRONOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING THE SIGNIFICANCE AND SCOPE OF AGREEMENT (REF).

4. SINCE THE REESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN 1974, BRAZIL-PRC TRADE HAS LEANED HEAVILY IN BRAZIL'S FAVOR:

	1974	1975	1977(JAN-OCT)	
EXPORTS	67.4		9.0	146.6
IMPORTS	0.5	0.	0.3	0.4

BRAZIL'S MAIN EXPORTS ARE SOY BEANS AND OIL, RAW AND REFINED SUGAR, AND SISAL. IMPORTS HAVE BEEN LARGELY LIMITED TO PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS. THE PRESS CONTINUES TO SPECULATE ON POSSIBLE PURCHASES OF PRC OIL BUT NO HARD INFORMATION HAS SURFACED TO SUBSTANTIATE THESE RUMORS.

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